

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/775,152

Examiner

Simon Sing

Applicant(s)

UCHIDA ET AL.

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 8/1/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-9.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-9 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The current claims a system comprises a communication terminal for storing a country code corresponding to a language understandable to the owner of the communication terminal, a switch for receiving the country code from the communication terminal, and a notification apparatus for receiving the country code from the switch, selecting a language based on the country code, determining whether to send notification of guidance information (playing audio prompts) to the communication terminal based on a necessary/unnecessary signal generated from the switch, and if necessary to send the notification, setting a notification order based on a notification order direction signal from the switch.

Caccuro et al. (US 5,440,615) discloses a voice messaging system for play greetings to caller from different counties, and based on received caller ID, including originating country code, select a greeting language in accordance with the originating country code. Caccuro fails to teach storing the originating country code, corresponding to a language known to the owner of an originating terminal, in the originating terminal and sending the originating country code from the originating terminal to the voice messaging system. Caccuro also fails to teach a determining means and ordering

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means for determining whether to send a greeting and ordering the greeting based on signals from a switch.

Fung et al. (US 6,069,939) discloses a system for prompting a destination party using a language corresponding to a destination country code. Fung fails to teach storing a country code, corresponding to a language known to the owner of an originating terminal, in the originating terminal and sending the country code to a switch. Fung also fails to teach a determining means and ordering means for determining whether to send a greeting and ordering the greeting based on signals from a switch.

Griesmer et al. (US 5,878,124) discloses universal telephone in that an originating country code and a destination country code are stored and sent to a network. Griesmer fails to teach a determining means and ordering means for determining whether to send a greeting and ordering the greeting based on signals from a switch.

Any combination of the above prior art fails to meet the claimed limitations.

3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to Simon Sing whose telephone number is 571-272-7545. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Fan Tsang, can be reached at 571-272-7547. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 571-272-2600.



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